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ATTENTION: Mr. R. S. Fulton, Area Mining Supervisor

Gentlemen:

Please refer to our application for approval of the mining plan covering the proposed operation of the "P-9-2 Adit Mine Project" dated September 16, 1973 and your subsequent letter under date of February 19, 1974 in which the plan was sanctioned by you in conformity with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 30, Part 231.10(c), Title 25, Part 177.7, and also with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Protection Act of 1969.

Development of the P-9-2 Project has begun and is progressing nicely. Subsequent planning has revealed that two additional areas, P-9-3 and P-11, can best be developed by driving adits from the walls of the P-9-1 pit as has been the case for P-9-2.

Since it appears that there would be some significant advantages, the common use of some surface facilities for one thing, in the development and operation of the P-9-2, P-9-3 and P-11 areas as a consolidated unit we are, therefore, and by this means, applying for approval for a change in plans as set forth in the Code of Regulations, Title 30, Part 231.10(e).

Additional ore that would be mined through the above requested amendment to the P-9-2 mining plan is indicated to be 80,600 tons with the possibility of more ore being defined as supplementary drilling and adit development progresses.

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An estimated 23,000 tons of waste will be removed from the entrance adits and will be placed in the abandoned P-9-1 pit. Any water encountered will also be impounded in the P-9-1 pit.

The entire project would require 6 ventilation shafts, 2 for the P-9-3 area and 4 for the P-11 area.

Enclosed are 5 copies each of the following maps:

1. Jackpile Paguate Block 15, composite maps of all mining leases, Scale 1" = 100', shows underground mining plan and ventilation shaft sites.
2. Paguate Pit Progress, Scale 1" = 100', shows location of existing haul roads and proposed collar locations of ventilation shafts and adits.

An early approval of this change in plans would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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